

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 10th 2000

Silent Keys

We are saddened to learn of the death recently of Dermot Cullen EI9BT from Dublin and George Hayes EI5BMB of Barefield, Ennis who recently became a silent Key after a long illness. Both were active amateurs and will be sadly missed by all their friends. Also John Lynch W6CCY of California recently became a silent key. John was a member of the IRTS for some years and had many friends in EI whom he used to talk to on a regular basis.

Ar dheis De go raibh ahAnnam dhilis.

IRTS Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting of the IRTS will take place at 11.00am on Saturday December 16th in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone.

South Dublin Radio Club

The South Dublin Radio Club Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 19th December at 8.00 p.m. in the Yellow House, Rathfarnham. All are welcome to attend. It is hoped that former members and others who occasionally attend club meetings will join club members at the party.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

At a recent meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group. Jim Farrell EI8IG gave a demonstration of Fast Scan Television. For the demonstration, a receiving station was set up at the meeting venue while a transmitting station was active at the QTH of Frankie EI4HW where a news bulletin was transmitted to the meeting by Mark EI7IS. The demonstration proved to be very successful with a P5 picture being received. Jim followed on by giving a talk and some information about getting involved in ATV and showed those attending a selection of homemade ATV antennas for 23 cm and 10 GHz. The meeting was also treated to a video of some ATV tests, which took place

recently in Portlaw, Co. Waterford. A very well attended meeting was enjoyed by all.

The theory classes leading up to the examination for the Class B licence commenced with an introductory night on Monday the 4th of December in the De La Salle Centre, Stephen Street, Waterford. If anyone else would like to take up the classes, it is not too late. SEARG can be contacted on 087-6302026 or via e-mail to Worked all Ireland Brendan Minish EI6IZ is going to be in East Clare (Tulla, Feakle area) next weekend and will endeavour to put at least a few squares on from this area over the weekend (probably on the Saturday afternoon and perhaps also on Sunday).

In the following couple of weekends he intends doing as much of north Mayo as possible on HF and VHF. In particular he will try to get into F64, F74 and G14. This is an excellent opportunity to work some of the rarer squares.

Contest News

The G-QRP club will be running a QRP contest from 26th of December to the 1st of January. This contest is open to anybody who wants to operate QRP CW. Activity will take place in and around the usual QRP frequencies of 3.530; 7.030; 14.060; 21.060 & 28.060 MHz. The award given is for the person who has the most interesting log.

This contest is aimed at the QRP people and QRP to QRP contacts and would be of interest to QRP'ers in EI. Entrants can use any equipment they want (i.e., homemade QRP or ordinary commercial rigs).

The weekend of December 16th and 17th is also a busy one for testers. The Croatian DX Contest runs for 24 hours from 1400 on the Saturday and other events are the Stew Perry Top Band Challenge, The International Naval Contest and the Canadian RAC Winter Contest.

DX News

An Amateur Radio DX-pedition to Comprida Island (IOTA SA024) will take place from December the 13th until December the 19th 2000. Comprida Island is located near the city of Iguape, south coast of Sao Paulo State (PY2).

Full time operation is planned from 6 metres to 160 metres using CW, FM and SSB by Carl PU1NEZ/2, Zeca PY1LVF/2, Pete PY1NEW/2 and Lima PY1NEZ/2. QSL route is via home calls and all Short Wave Listeners reports will be appreciated.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555 in the evenings or at 021-4823172 during office hours. Items can be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net and you can fax him at 021-4823316.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both news services. Please note that the deadline for submission of radio news items is 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday of each week.

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